

CABBAGE SNAKE ONLY A WORM

The Alleged Poisonous Rep-
tile a Harmless
Thing.

WELL KNOWN TO SCIENCE

A Profitable and Valuable Crop
Nearly Thrown Out of Mar-
ket by a Foolish Scare.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSBURG, Va., Dec. 20.—A. M.
Rouse, director of the Virginia Experiment
Station, sends out the following information
in regard to the so-called cabbage
snake, prepared by Ellison A. Smyth, Jr.,
biologist of the station:

The sensational stories with regard to
the so-called "Cabbage Snake" and the
scare which seems to have prevailed all
this section of the State, have caused
many enquiries to be sent in to the Vir-
ginia Experiment Station, together with
many specimens of worms, with the re-
quest for information. It has, therefore,
seemed timely to give through the papers
of the State greater publicity to the truth
of the growing prejudice to cabbages, which
threatens the loss of an important crop.
Of the various specimens of worms
which have been sent into us, one or two
were young earth worms, but the greater
number seemed to be a species of Nema-
tode worm, belonging to the family Mermi-
tidae, and known as Mermis albicans.
These are genuine worms and not snakes
at all, and though allied to the Crustacea,
Cnidaria, and other worms parasitic on
man, are either found in vegetable matter
or in the bodies of insects, from whence
they escape into the damp earth where
they attain sexual maturity. This family
is also closely allied to the Anguillidae or
"Horse-hair" worms, often erroneously
called "Horse-hair Snakes." These Nema-
tode worms are free living in earth or
water, though some specimens are parasitic
in plants; others live in, fermenting
matter. Of this latter group is the air-
gullula, aced, known as the "Cabbage
Worm." Some species live in matted
wheat grains, some in heads of thistles,
on roots of moss and grass; others are
constant inhabitants of the beet-roots, the
cabbage, barley, wheat, etc. It seems
almost needless to say that none possess
any poisonous qualities whatever.
Since the recent scare chemical analysis,
carefully conducted, has failed to reveal
any toxic qualities, Cabbage cooked in
certain ways is apt to produce acute in-
digestion in some; or it is possible that
in some cases Paris green or "Black
Death" may have been ignorantly and
carelessly sprinkled on the young cab-
bages to kill the caterpillars of the cab-
bage butterfly. These both
poisonous, and if any trace remained in the
even death would ensue from eating such
cabbage.

Some one discovering one of these
worms in the dish of cabbage, which pro-
duced the evil effects, has erroneously
jumped at conclusions and imagined a new
kind of snake, knowing that the worm (not
snake) has long been known to natural-
ists, and is harmless, and so the tale has
grown and magnified, and a profitable and
valuable crop has almost been thrown out
of the market in some sections through
the absurd scare which has no real
foundation in fact whatever.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

English Woman Vagrant Ap-
peals to British Minister.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, Va., Dec. 20.—A. K.
Fletcher, clerk of the State District
Court at Harrisonburg, to-day is-
sued a subpoena for the Eddy Press, of
Winchester, to show cause why it should
be declared in contempt of court under the
Federal statute, in accordance with a
petition of several creditors filed with
the clerk last week.
The subpoena is now in the hands of
United States Marshal Brown Allen for
service. The three creditors are: J. H.
Collins, a local business with head-
quarters in Philadelphia; American Type
Foundry Company, of Philadelphia, and
W. H. Collins, a local business with head-
quarters in Massachusetts.
Lillian Angell, one of the three alleged
English women subjects sent to jail here
for vagrancy, to-day sent a letter to
Mayor Baken demanding immediate re-
lease. She has it stated, opened nego-
tiations with a prominent Durand,
the British ambassador at Washington,
with the intention of securing redemp-
tion. The women claim to have been har-
assed by the American authorities.

Railroad to Richmond Needed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BEDFORD, Va., Dec. 20.—Mr. R.
J. McGeorge, Jr., of Richmond, buying
goods for his three stores. He had al-
ready bought goods in Baltimore, but they
are too bulky to ship by rail. He is now
in the city, where they came by
steamer.
The section of the country needs a
railroad to Richmond very badly.
Mr. C. H. Floyd and his sister, Miss
Matthews, are in Richmond visiting rela-
tives. Mr. Floyd is one of the new rail-
road men.
Miss Sadie Lee McGeorge is visiting
at home her relative, Mr. T. H.
Elliott, of Richmond.

PULLED IN THE RIVER BY A LARGE GOBBLER

Spotsylvania Sportsman Has a
Rather Novel Experience
While Hunting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Dec. 20.—
The general store of Mr. C. D. Green, at
Brooke, in Stafford county, was entered
last night by robbers. All of the things
in the cash drawer was taken and about
\$50 worth of merchandise. The thieves
left no clue.

Mr. H. L. Briscoe, a prominent citizen
of Spotsylvania county, while out turkey
hunting a few days ago, shot at a big
gobbler, but only succeeded in wounding
him. The turkey ran and Mr. Briscoe
pursued him. Just as the turkey reached
the bank of the Mathews River Mr.
Briscoe caught him by the tail. The tur-
key was so large that Mr. Briscoe rolled
into the river as he fell, and was there-
fore drowned. His sister's son, Mr. C. D.
and Mr. Briscoe had to build a big fire
and thaw out.

In the Amherst Mountains.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PERA, Va., Dec. 20.—M. P. Gatewood,
merchant at Pleasant View, near here,
is very much interested in the effects of
blood poison from diphtheria on a horse
that had been bitten some time ago by a
vicious bear, and is now suffering from
Ricketts.

Mr. C. W. Turpin, a young man of this
vicinity, is at present in a very bad con-
dition from the effects of being kicked
by a horse several years ago. He having
very recently returned from the hospital
at Lynchburg. He was operated upon by
Dr. Ben Johnston, of Richmond, soon after
it happened, but he had to undergo another
operation recently.

Mr. John N. Blanke, a one-armed veter-
an of the Confederate service, and post-
master at the place, has been quite un-
well for some while.
Mr. John N. Mitchell has recently been
awarded the contract for transferring the
mail from Pedlar Mills to Peach Sta-
tion, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Rail-
road. This may service, and was in ef-
fect on the 5th instant. The pay is \$22
per annum, the distance being four miles
and a half each way.



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LADIES ROBBED ON THE STREET

Knocked Down by Negro Boy
and Their Purse
Taken.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

Merchants Journal, Organ of the
Retail Merchants' Association,
to be Published in Raleigh.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.—Last
night, on one of the principal streets of
the city, a negro youth attacked two
ladies, Mrs. Mitchell and her sister, Miss
Hattie Ferrall, snatching a number of
bundles from one and a purse from the
other. They were returning home about
dark from a shopping expedition. Miss
Ferrall was knocked down in the scuffle.
He escaped, leaving no clue to his iden-
tity.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was
filed in the Federal Court to-day for W.
W. Mills, this step being made necessary
by the recent failure of the W. W. Mills
Lumber Company. The petition places
the liabilities at about \$90,000 and the
assets at about \$100,000. Mr. Mills retired
from the presidency of the Carolina Loan
and Trust Company some months ago.
The State Department of Agriculture
has arranged for a series of farmers' in-
stitutes to be held in eastern counties, be-
ginning at Warrenton January 8th and
closing January 25th at Windsor. Other
places in their order are Jackson, Halifax,
Kinston, Greenville, Pasquot, Washing-
ton, Roper, Wilmington, Currituck, Cam-
den, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton,
Gatesville and Winston.

CHARTERS GRANTED.
The Charlotte Docking Company, of
Charlotte, is chartered, with \$20,000 capi-
tal authorized and \$11,500 subscribed, by
J. Hirschman, Bulk Brothers, D. A. Thomp-
kins, J. P. Leath, I. S. Myers, L. A. Dods-
worth, H. L. Adams and others.
Other charters are to the Highlands
Hotel Company, of Charlotte, capital,
\$20,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed,
by R. A. Dunn and others; the Brock
Supply Company, of Trenton, capital,
\$25,000 authorized and \$1,000 subscribed;
Harnett News Publishing Company, of
Harnett, capital, \$25,000 authorized and
\$10,000 subscribed; W. A. Stewart,
and Curtis Muse, principal incorporators;
Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank,
Andrews, Cherokee county, \$10,000 capital;
W. P. Walker, principal incorporator;
East Side Mercantile Company, Belmont,
North Carolina, capital, \$25,000;
Incorporators, George W. Plumer, W. T.
Gargiles and A. B. Cook; The Bank of
Marshallville, Union county, capital, \$10,000;
W. S. Lee, J. H. Lee and J. B. Marsh,
principal incorporators, the capital of the
A. G. Cox Manufacturing Company, of
Winterville, is increased from \$20,000 to
\$100,000. The charter amendment was al-
lowed to-day.

A statement from the office of the Com-
missioner of Labor and Printing on tele-
phone systems of the State shows \$3-
subscribers and 24,638,338 conversations, with
\$340,472 receipts and \$17,331 net profits.
THE MERCHANTS' JOURNAL.
A corporation was formed to-day to
publish the Merchants' Journal, the or-
gan of the Retail Merchants' Association,
which has been issued here for
several months by Messrs. Norman J. H.
Johnson and William Henry Bagley. Mr.
Johnson, who has been business man-
ager, sold his interest to Messrs. J. W.
Bailey, C. H. Poe and J. S. Pearson.
These gentlemen, together with Mr. John-
son, who still has half interest in the pub-
lication, are the principal incorporators and
continue to edit and organize the joint
stock company.

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SUPERVISORS OF CHESTERFIELD

The Work Has So Grown That
New Methods Are De-
manded.

ROAD FORCE CEASES WORK

Dinwiddie Declines to Co-ope-
rate in Building Bridge Across
the Appomattox.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIELD, Va., December 20.—
The supervisors of Chesterfield county
held their last board meeting of the year
here yesterday. Through their hands
passed the money that is to furnish good
cheer for the Christmas season for many
a country fireside, for upwards of seven-
teen hundred dollars was disbursed by
warrants equivalent to cash. So much
has the work of the supervisors grown
in late years that the old custom of au-
diting claims and issuing warrants for
same in the same day is growing in dis-
favor, and the question of introducing a
new system and being more deliberate
with the work was discussed.

The chairman finds himself so hampered
by the numerous warrants to be signed
after the claims have been audited that the
monthly sessions are hardly adequate for
a careful consideration of the various
questions and motions brought to the at-
tention of the board.
At a former meeting the supervisors of
Dinwiddie county were requested to co-
operate with this county in erecting a
bridge across the Appomattox River, at
Matoaca, should voters to be appointed
to report on the advisability of such a
structure at that point, report in its fa-
vor. An order of the Dinwiddie board,
however, was submitted to the Chester-
field board by which they signified that
they were not in favor of sharing the ex-
pense of a bridge at Matoaca. The
matter will probably rest there for the
present.

Superintendent Phaup, who has charge
of the county road teams and force of
hands, reported on yesterday that he
could not at this season and with the
present weather conditions, work to ad-
vantage on the county roads, and the
teams were therefore ordered into winter
quarters until the weather opens up
somewhat. The approaches to Swift
Creek Bridge on which the teams were
last employed, will be put in readiness for
the new structure soon to be erected by
the time the contractors are ready,
regardless of the weather.
Commissioners were appointed by the
board to view the county road laid out
between the farm of Mr. Thomas Jef-
ferson and that lately owned by Mr. R.
W. Winfree, on the petition of Mr. The-
odore A. Page, who has recently purchased
the Winfree farm and desires the road at
that place returned to the original tract.
A long contest in court grew out of the
proposed opening of a county road be-
tween the two farms, and though the
land was acquired by the county for a
road, it was never opened and developed
as such.

The tract of 120 acres of land of the late
L. J. Jackson was sold at auction here
on Monday for \$210.
Deeds are on file in the clerk's office,
conveying the farms of John I. Ellison
and W. H. Olding, the former to
Thomas Holman, and the latter to T.
Helks and L. Kulik, at the respective
prices of \$1,650 and \$2,100. Both places
are near the Courthouse.

NO DISPENSARY.

The Election Defeated at Wind-
sor by Vote of 59 to 30.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINDSOR, Va., December 20.—The
election for a dispensary in the town of
Windsor passed off very quietly to-day,
though the vote was very close. The
"wet" cast thirty votes for dispensary,
and the "dry" cast fifty-nine votes
against a dispensary.
Both sides did some hard work in a
friendly way, but it was quite a victory
for the "dry" people.
There are many happy ladies in town
to-night.

King William Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETNA MILLS, Va., Dec. 20.—Mr. and
Mrs. J. D. Powell and two children, of
Morgantown, left to-day for Richmond,
though the vote was very close. The
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33 Safety Razors.....\$1.50
150 Razors......85c
50c Whisk Broom.....25c
35c Soap Boxes.....25c
35c Powder Puffs.....25c
150 Hair Brushes.....98c
50c Toilet Sets.....\$3.50
40c Toilet Sets.....\$2.50
50c Military Brush Set.....\$2.10
25c Military Brush Set.....\$1.30
Fino Perfumes, 10c, 25c, 35c,
40c, 70c, 80c, and \$1.30.
Roger & Gallet's Vera Violet \$1.03
Roger & Gallet's Parma Violet 08c
Prince George Cigars, per box 08c
35c Shaving Brush.....25c
25c Puff Box.....45c
25c Hand Mirrors.....30c

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A HOTEL FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Mrs. I. N. Vaughan to Give the
Henry Clay Inn to
Her Son.

TO INSTALL A NEW PASTOR

Interesting Services to be Held
in Ashland Presbyterian
Church January 8th.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHLAND, Va., Dec. 20.—A very sub-
stantial Christmas present will be made
here next Saturday, when Mrs. I. N.
Vaughan will turn over to her son, Mr.
Frank Vaughan, a deed to the Henry
Clay Inn. Mr. Vaughan will be of age
on that day. He has been the acting pro-
prio of this attractive little hotel for
the past six months, and has made a suc-
cess of the enterprise.

On January 8th interesting services will
be held in the Ashland Presbyterian
Church here. Rev. Mr. R. A. Lapsley,
from the Lexington Presbytery, will be
installed as pastor of this church. Rev.
James P. Smith, of Richmond, will pre-
side. The Rev. W. S. Campbell and Rev.
J. P. K. will assist. Rev. Mr. Lapsley was
formerly pastor of the Bethel Church, in
Augusta county.

Dr. Wood Jordan will remove to Han-
over, Virginia, January 1st, to succeed
to the practice of the late Dr. Winston.

THE MATTAPONI IS TIGHTLY FROZEN

Goods Ordered for Christmas
Cannot be Shipped Except
Overland.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ATLANTA, Va., Dec. 20.—The Matta-
poni River, from here to Walkerton, a
distance of ten miles, is frozen over with
ice so thick that the steamer cannot
break through. They have a large quan-
tity of goods bought for the Christmas
holidays. The Ayler's merchants are very
much worked up for fear that they will
not get the goods in time. Some of these
merchants have left for Richmond to
buy duplicate orders and have them
shipped to Hanover Station, on the Ches-
apeake and Ohio Railroad, and stations
on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and
Potomac Railroad. The goods will have
to be hauled some distance by wagon.
The lumber men are blocking up the
wharves with lumber and all shipping is
delayed.

HANOVER SUPERVISORS.

Decline to Join With Caroline in
Repairing Tram Track Bridge.
HANOVER COURTHOUSE, Va., Dec. 20.—
The supervisors and commissioners of
Roads of Hanover county met here
yesterday and settled all bills for the
fiscal year.

In the case of Walter Peatross and
others of Caroline county, asking Hanover
county to appropriate money to aid in re-
pairing the Tram Track Bridge, across
the Pamunkey River, was declined by the
Commonwealth's attorney, who sits with

the supervisors, on the ground that the
bridge was private property and not county
property.

The claim of J. S. Straine of two hun-
dred and fifty dollars for dogs killing
twenty sheep, was not paid on account
of lack of evidence to prove that the
sheep were killed by dogs. Mr. Straine
appealed to the Circuit Court.

Mrs. Henderson N. Matthews, of North
Wales Plantation, is in Washington, D.
C., where she will spend the winter
months. Mr. Matthews will join her on
Thursday.
Miss Ellen Bolling, one of the teachers
of Miss Elliott's School of Richmond, spent
Sunday with Miss Lee at "Signal Hill,"
the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Car-
roll. Miss Lee is a sister of Mrs. Car-
roll.

Mrs. H. B. Smith, of Horn Quarter
Plantation, returned home yesterday from
a visit with friends in Richmond.

ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA FOR

NORTH CAROLINA CRIME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH BOSTON, Va., December 20.—Hey-
wood Rogers, colored, of Durham, N. C., was
arrested here last night on the charge of cut-
ting Edwin Rich, colored, in Durham, on
November 8th.
Sheriff Howard, of Durham, located Rogers
here, and last night, in company with Officer
Clarke, arrested him. The man was taken to
Durham to-day. Rich, the wounded man, is
not expected to live.

The Fernfield Damaged.

(By Associated Press.)
BREMEN, Dec. 20.—As a result of a
collision with a stone quay here, the Brit-
ish steamer Fernfield, Captain Davies,
from Wilmington, N. C., has several
plates, stoves and some frames broken.
After discharging the vessel probably
will be docked for an examination.

A Fight to the Finish.

The keeper of the lighthouse near Cres-
cent City, Cal., reports a battle between a
sea lion and an octopus. The octopus
wounded the sea lion, but the sea lion's
body, but the lion bit them off one after
the other and ate them. Other lions then
helped to dispose of the octopus's carcass.

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Sour Pickles, gallon.....20c
Small California Hams, lb.....30c
Large Irish Potatoes, peck.....15c
Smithfield Hams, pound.....15c
French Candy, pound.....15c
New Virginia Buckwheat, 7 lbs.....25c
New Boneless Codfish, lb.....8c
Imported Macaroni and Spaghetti, lb.....8c
Whole Sausage, quart.....25c
Lard, 5 lb. tin.....25c
New Hominy and Grits, 2 lbs for.....25c
Va. Comb Honey, 2 lbs.....25c
Best Carolina Rice, pound.....15c
Large Juley Lemons, dozen.....15c
Early June Beans, can.....12 1/2c
Canned Corn, 4 for.....12c
New Rolled Oats, Hawkeye, package.....8c
Canned Tomatoes.....8c
New Navy Beans, quart.....25c
Best City Meal, per pk. 17c, or bush.....25c
Best Cream Cheese, 2 pounds for.....25c
Canned Tomatoes, 4 large cans for.....10c
Quart Jar Home Made Sweet Pickles.....10c
Try our Silver King Minnesota Patent
Flour 35c, or barrel.....35.00
Blackberry or Catawba Wine, quart.....10c
Ginger Snaps or Soda Crackers, lb.....45c
Salt Pork, per pound.....8c
Best Canned Salmon.....8c
Black Enamel Stove Polish, box.....3c
Fresh Bologna Sausage, pound.....9c
Canned or Fresh Ham, pound.....9c
Canned Corn, 4 for.....25c
Duffy's Malt Whiskey, per bottle.....80c

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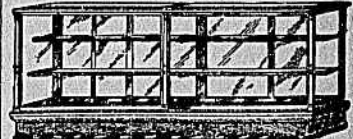
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